UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Disease of the cocoanut trees.

1. **MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government Agricultural Experts have discovered any effective remedy to ward off the disease of the cocoanut trees ;

(*b*) whether the cocoanut disease is spreading fast in the taluks of Karunagapally, Karthikapally and Mavelikara ; and

(*c*) whether they have done anything to cure the malady ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) No effective remedy to ward off the disease of the cocoanut trees has been discovered so far.

(*b*) The cocoanut disease has been existing in the tracts referred to for the past forty years and has been spreading there.

(*c*) The etiology of the disease has been found out and investigations are in progress with the assistance of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, to discover an effective remedy. The Department is, however, now persuading ryots to adopt regular cultivation and judicious manuring for keeping the disease under control.

Commissioners appointed in the Principal Munsiff's Court, Kottayam.

2. **MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR :** Will the Government be pleased :

(*a*) to lay on the table a caste-war list of the Commissioners who were appointed in the Principal Munsiff's Court, Kottayam after the present Principal Munsiff took charge ; and

(*b*) to state whether there is any rule as to who should be chosen as the commissioner, about his qualification, communal classi fication &c. ?

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*) : (*a*) Since the present Munsiff took charge, Commission orders have been issued to 38 persons, of whom 18 are Nairs, 15 Christians and 5 Brahmins.

(*b*) The member is referred to Rule 725 of the Civil Courts' Guide.

Roads in the taluks of Karthikapally, Mavelikara and Kunnattur.

3. **MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR :** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the length of the cartable roads, the length of the non-cartable roads, the length of the roads maintained by Government, and the length of the roads not maintained by the Government P.W. D., in the Taluks of Karthikapally, Mavelikara and Kunnattur ;

(*b*) the number of the bridges and culverts for which applications were received as yet by the Government and the locations of them in the above taluks ;

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